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E.O. 11652: N/A TAGS: TGEN, IS

SUBJECT: U.S.-ISRAEL BINATIONAL INDUSTRIAL R&D FOUNDATION (BIRDF)

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- 1. FOLLOWING IS A MESSAGE FROM MR. JACK GOLDMAN TO U.S. GOVERNORS OF BIRDF:
- 2. QUOTE DEPTH OF FEELING AGAINST WADE BLACKMAN IS INTENSE AND WIDESPREAD AND NOT WITHOUT FOUNDATION. ISRAELI GOVERNMENT PEOPLE UNIVERSALLY DISPOSED NEGATIVELY. FEELING AMONG INDUSTRIALISTS MIXED, VARYING FROM NEUTRAL TO NEGATIVE. ONLY POSITIVE VIBES COME FROM THE ONE OR TWO WHOSE PROPOSALS HE HAS ENCOURAGED AND IN AT LEAST ONE CASE BY VIOLATING HIS OWN GUIDELINES, WHICH HE USUALLY INVOKES WHEN IT SUITS HIS NEED.
- 3. HAVE SUGGESTED TO HIM THAT HE TRY TO HUMBLE HIMSELF WITH LAVIE TO SEE IF ACCOMODATION POSSIBLE AND IF NOT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HE SHOULD CONSIDER RESIGNING. I DOUBT THAT ACCOMODATION WOULD WORK AND THEREFORE RESPECTFULLY RECOMMEND THAT IF HIS RESIGNATION IS NOT FORTHCOMING HIS TERM SHOULD NOT BE EXTENDED.

4. IT IS, HOWEVER, IMPORTANT TO EMPHASIZE TO LAVIE THAT IN ANY EVENT, RESPONSIBILITY FOR BIRDF WOULD NOT BE PLACED

IN HIS HANDS, EVEN TEMPORARILY, SO HE DOESN'T SEE THIS AS A WAY TO GET CONTROL OF BIRDF, WHICH HE IS ACCUSED OF BUT WHICH I DOUBT. (SIGNED) JACK GOLDMAN ENDQUOTE.

5. EMBASSY GENERALLY CONCURS WITH FOREGOING JUDGEMENTS.
WE WILL FORWARD ANY ADDITIONAL VIEWS ON BLACKMAN'S PERFORMANCE
WE GET FROM ISRAELIS BUT CONSIDERING PRESENT FOCUS
OF PUBLIC ATTENTION ON BIRDF, WE DO NOT PLAN TO SEEK SUCH
INFORMATION FROM ISRAELI BUSINESSMEN DIRECTLY.
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